

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Saturday the 18th day of March 1922, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

*The duties of the Collector of Madras.*

1376 Q.—Diwan Bahadur C. ARUNACHALA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state what the duties were of the Collector of Madras, prior to 1900, 1910, 1920, and in 1922?

A.—The Collector of Madras originally combined with the by no means inconsiderable duties of an ordinary Collector, in so far as they arise within the capital city, the following appointments:—

(1) Chairman of the Harbour Trust Board, (2) Collector of Sea Customs, (3) Protector of Emigrants, (4) Superintendent of Stamps and (5) Superintendent of Stationery. He was relieved of the duties of Chairman of the Harbour Trust Board prior to 1900. Between 1900 and 1910 he was relieved of the duties of Collector of Sea Customs and his staff of assistants was more than proportionately decreased. Between 1910 and 1920 he was given the additional duties of a Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends. Meanwhile his work in connexion with the income-tax has very largely increased, the collections in 1920–21 being Rs. 69,99,132 as against collections of Rs. 31,23,673 in 1910–11. In 1922 the same work continues. It is not proposed that he should be relieved of any income-tax work when the bulk of the staff becomes Imperial.

*Punitive Police in the disturbed mill area.*

1377 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total strength of the additional police force (punitive) located in the disturbed mill area with reference to the press communiqué dated the 17th September 1921;

(b) what is the estimated cost of such additional police force;

(c) what is the total resident population of the area comprised within the Perambur police zone; and

(d) whether the Government propose to exempt Government servants or any other loyal section of the public within that area from payment of the contribution towards the cost of the additional police force?

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- A.—(a) The total strength of the additional police is 2 Inspectors, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 4 Sergeants, 20 head constables and 200 constables.
- (b) The approximate total cost of the additional police including the clerical staff is Rs. 71,500 for six months, the period for which the force has been sanctioned.
- (c) The Government have no precise information.
- (d) The Government have decided not to recover the cost of the force from any of the inhabitants.

*Proportion of non-Brahmans in Public Service.*

1378 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state how the extension of the principle in Board's Standing Order No. 128 (2), accepted by the Government in connexion with the resolution moved by Mr. Tanikachala Chetti at the meeting of the Council held in August last, is proposed to be given effect to amongst the gazetted officers in the different departments of the Secretariat and in the office of the Board of Revenue?

A.—The question is under consideration.

*Persons from the mufassal willing to come to the Secretariat or other offices in the City of Madras.*

1379 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(i) whether, with reference to G.O. No. 613, Public, dated 16th September 1921, he proposes to call for information as to the number of

- (1) non-Brahman Hindus,
- (2) Indian Christians, and
- (3) Muhammadans,

in the mufassal offices who are willing and eligible to be employed in the Secretariat or other offices in the Madras City; and

(ii) if information has already been called for and obtained, whether he will place it on the table?

A.—The point on which the hon. Member desires information has no immediate connexion with G.O. No. 613, Public, dated 16th September 1921.

The Government are collecting information with regard to non-Brahman Hindus, Indian Christians and Muhammadans suitable for drafting into the Secretariat from mufassal offices, but cannot lay such papers on the table.

*First-class special stipendiary magistrates.*

1380 Q.—Mr P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what steps the Government have hitherto taken to introduce the scheme of appointing special stipendiary magistrates of the first class and of divesting the present revenue divisional officers of their magisterial functions?

A.—The Government have sanctioned as an experimental measure the appointment of one stipendiary first-class magistrate in each of the districts of Coimbatore and Ramnad to try criminal cases exclusively.